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In re Application of :
Jouet et al. :
Application No. 10/695,349 : DECISION
Filed: November 10, 2004 : ON PETITION
Attorney Docket No. 84,777 :
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This is a decision on the "PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.182" filed November 10, 2004, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of November 10, 2004, the date of later submission of previously omitted drawings. (The Office originally received a petition under 1.182 on October 25, 2004. However, neither the drawings nor the declaration required for according a later filing date were received in the Office on October 25, 2004).

Application papers in the above-identified application were deposited on October 29, 2003. However, on October 18, 2004, the Initial Patent Examination Division mailed applicants a "Notice of Omitted Items in a Nonprovisional Application," stating that the application had been accorded a filing date of October 29, 2003, but advising applicants that a drawing of Figures 3-4B described in the specification appeared to have been omitted.

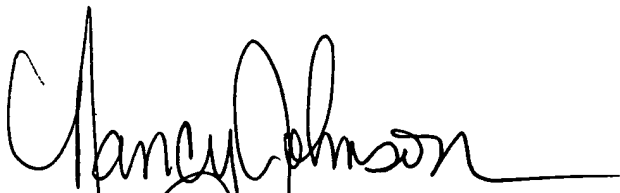
In response, applicants timely filed the instant petition under § 1.182 to accept the missing Figures 3, 4A and 4B filed

herewith and to establish this filing date as the filing date of the application. The petition included a declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to the drawings, and a drawing sheet containing figures 3, 4A and 4B.

In view thereof, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application is being returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination **for according of a filing date of November 10, 2004**, using the application papers received in the Office on October 29, 2003, including one sheet of drawings containing figures 1A, 1B, 1C and 2, and the one sheet of drawings containing figures 3, 4A and 4B received on November 10, 2004.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-3219.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Johnson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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